



Date: March 26, 2010

TO: SUD-Adult & Adolescent Outpatient Treatment Providers

FR: Business Psychology Associates

RE: March 24, 2010 Budget Management Conference Call

On March 24, 2010 BPA facilitated a budget management conference call to address Adult & Adolescent Outpatient Treatment Services. Thank you to all who took part in the call, your participation and feedback are vital as we work together on important changes surrounding SUD outpatient treatment. A summary of the March 24 conference call is included in this memorandum.

Please mark your calendars for two upcoming conference calls:

April 7, 2010: Budget Management Follow-up Conference Call at 2PM

April 22 or 23, 2010: Continued Services Review Rollout Conference Call

*BPA will distribute conference call information and agendas before each call.*

Summary of March 24, 2010 Budget Management Conference Call:

1. A March 3, 2010 Office of Drug Policy memo addressed the Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse's (ICSA) request for a census reduction in SUD-funded clients. The memo emphasized the careful management of this process. As a result of this request BPA is working with SUD Outpatient Treatment Providers to immediately reduce and appropriately manage all outpatient authorizations (20% for Adults & 15% for Adolescents).
2. On March 5, 2010 BPA facilitated a call with outpatient providers to discuss the budget management efforts and the subsequent changes to outpatient authorizations. Providers were asked to clinically assess all current clients for discharge or transfer to a lower level of care or continued services per ASAM-determined clinical need.

Reminders for assessing current clients:

- a. Providers must submit discharge and transfer forms through BPA's existing process by **March 26, 2010.**
- b. Providers received client reports on March 11, 2010 to begin assessing all clients with paid claims in the last 90 days to begin the reduction process.
- c. A final report will be run on April 2, 2010 to assess if the providers met the targeted reductions. For those agencies who fail to meet the minimum reductions rates, BPA will administratively discontinue client authorizations to achieve the targeted reductions.

3. Authorizations for new clients will be limited to clinical need. Continued Services Review (CSR) will be conducted prior to authorization end dates utilizing ASAM CSR criteria.

If you have any questions, please contact your Clinical Regional Field Staff representative.

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